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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sundaram VENKATRAMAN et al.

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For: CRYSTALLINE FORM Z OF RABEPRAZOLE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This submission is made in response to the Office Action that was mailed on February 17, 2005 for the subject application. Since the response is not being made within the period set in the Office Action, a petition to extend that period until August 17, 2005 is enclosed.

Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the appended remarks are respectfully solicited. Two additional claims are being added, and authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3221, in the name of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc., for the amount of \$100.00; a duplicate of this page is enclosed for fee accounting purposes.

Upon entry of the amendments presented herein, the claims present for further examination will be those of the following listing.